



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	Day 8th	Month August	Year 2024	To	Day 7th	Month August	Year 2025

### Section A

### Reference and administration details

Charity name

Happy Hands Pre-school & Childcare

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1104689

Charity's principal address

McIntyre Road

Stocksbridge

Sheffield

Postcode

S36 1DG

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mrs Maureen Aldous			Committee
2	Mrs Angela Moffatt			Committee
3	Mrs Philomena Washington			Committee
4	Mrs Angela Smith			Committee
5	Ms Jennifer Callaghan			Committee
6	Mrs Laura Clarke			Committee
7	Mrs Kit Tsang			Committee
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Early Years Alliance
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	By the committee

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To provide a quality educational experience in a safe, secure and stimulating environment. Our aim is to give each child opportunities to be creative, to learn and grow through play. Parents and carers are valued and respected, consulted and kept informed. They are also encouraged, involved and included as members of our setting.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

There are two main nursery sessions per day for local children. We offer free nursery places for 3-4 year olds offering both 15 hours Free Early Learning and 30-hour Extended Free Early Learning.

Younger children from 2 ½ years are accepted through the 2-year free early learning plus can be fee paying. Happy Hands offers children appropriate play and educational experiences in conjunction with the governments Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

We are committed to creating an environment for all individuals which provides equality and fairness to all, regardless of race, culture or religion. Within this we are proud to be able to provide an inclusive space for all including children with special educational needs.

We are regulated by Ofsted and adhere to all relevant health and safety regulations. We are also members of the Early Years Alliance.

Happy Hands also offers local families wrap around care through a breakfast and out of school club each day prior to and following nursery sessions. (7.45am – 6pm)

During nursery and club sessions we utilise all areas fully especially the outdoors, as we feel this provides and enhances a positive educational experience for all our children to enjoy and develop within.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Section D**

**Achievements and performance**

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Many changes have emerged here at Happy Hands over the last year. We have welcomed a larger number of younger children from 2 ½ years; and then moving through the Autumn term were pleased delighted to welcome Abbie as our new nursery practitioner. In the summer term we said good bye to Victoria who has moved on to pastures new. Sophie our college student completed her T Level second year with us passing with flying colours.

These changes have been embraced through continuing established continuity of provision, ensuring that our staff team is a happy one who are all confidently contributing to a positive change. Meeting all the relevant standards and requirements from our EYFS curriculum alongside Ofsted regulations and ongoing guidance from Quality Improvement Team at Sheffield City Council.

*All these experiences both challenging and inspiring are providing opportunities and allow our ROOTS to produce many more BRANCHES letting us STRETCH, GROW and REACH new HEIGHTS.*

We thank all our wonderful staff, volunteers, parents and of course

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

the brilliant children for helping us grow into who we are today. From the September start of 26 children we increased in numbers to 33 in the Summer term. At the start of 2025 we managed seventeen 3-4 year olds and fifteen 2 year olds. Adapting and accommodating the mix within our small space was achieved successfully through careful thought and fine tuning to our daily routine.

**Relaxing Time** our new progressive strategy was introduced during the last year and has proved successful in helping our children to process their morning learning and enable them to enjoy productive afternoon. Staff child interaction is the key to providing the best possible start to our children's learning experience and can be seen during all our sessions.

Staff have meaningful conversations with children and facilitate their knowledge and help them to move to meeting their full potential through this and our safe and motivating environment.

Our year was again action packed throughout. After getting to know all our children we have enjoyed exploring the environment here at Happy Hands our local community. Enjoying all the seasons outside with "the best classroom and richest cupboard is roofed by the sky" Margaret McMillan.

*Harvest time, singing and baking bread in Autumn. Celebrating the Christmas Nativity with parents and friends. Visiting Christ Church by mini bus to sing to the lunch club. Following the children's interest in books we went on a trip to the library. We walked into Springtime looking for new life and then engaged in Easter activities, reading the story and creating Easter Gardens. Extra curriculum activities included again this year: - Noodle performing arts; Robot Reg; Mini Movez yoga; Active Play; Kixx football and a special day when Zoo Lab came with their mini beasts*

**CONFIDENCE** flourished in all the children and we shone at The Valley Music Festival on stage at The Venue. All dressed up and singing, signing with Makaton to "This Little Light of Mine", showing rhythm and huge concentration skills with "Tap Rap" from Boogie Mites and our finale S Club 7's "Reach". We received an award and have been given £500 to go towards musical equipment here at Happy Hands.

### Training

Moving away from the usual offer we embarked on building our pedagogy through Froebel Training. Friedrich Froebel emphasizes that children are inherently creative and learn best through play and hands on experiences.

Other training completed includes: -Jabadao, First Aid, Sleep Training, Food Hygiene and Active Start physical play.

The **HEY Award** was achieved again for 2024-2025 carefully planned and implemented into our practice.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We aim to manage our finances responsibly, budget for predictable fluctuations in income and hold reserves to cover expenses due to other eventualities including staff redundancy

payments in the case that the Pre-School had to close.

Forecasted running costs are looking to increase to £170.00 therefore the reserve we hold will include redundancy estimated at £35.000 alongside future building projects to include the now priority of the refurbishing of the outdoor play area due to deterioration and safety concerns. Estimates for this would start at around £50.000

***St Ann's church finance committee have reviewed our rent and agreed to keep the same until 2026***

The **reserves policy** has been utilised this year to accommodate for upgrading and keeping the building in proper order. This includes: - repairs; new heaters; electrical fuse box upgrade; boiling tap heater; clearing of drains; new gate and alterations enabling a new entrance into playground; IPads; general maintenance and purchases over and above usual to accommodate SEND including Widget online.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:


- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

**Section F Other optional information**

**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Jennifer Callaghan	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Committee chair	
Date	20 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	





Happy Hands Pre School and Childcare	No (if any)
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Aug-24	To	Aug-25
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Nursery Income	-	-	-	135,746	125,265
Club	-	-	-	39,527	41,602
Extra club & Nursery	-	-	-	780	402
Fundraising/grants	-	-	-	1,234	4,326
Milk	-	-	-	-	232
Uniform	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	3,776	259
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	-	-	-	181,063	172,085
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	-	-	181,063	172,085
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Wages & Inland revenue	-	-	-	145,910	123,739
Payroll/NEST	-	-	-	7,737	6,450
Rent, rates & water	-	-	-	5,589	5,125
Utilities	-	-	-	3,390	3,564
Insurance	-	-	-	1,532	1,306
Equipment	-	-	-	3,654	14,129
Petty cash inc snack/post/travel	-	-	-	3,450	3,690
Bank Charges	-	-	-	353	317
Uniform	-	-	-	277	362
Maintenance	-	-	-	7,230	3,381
ABS Leasing	-	-	-	1,711	1,219
Computer	-	-	-	-	157
Refunds	-	-	-	-	177
Other	-	-	-	10,880	8,377
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	191,712	171,994
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	-	-	-	191,712	171,994
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	-	-	-	10,649	91
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	-	-	-	10,649	91

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Nat west	-	96,167	106,816
		-	-	
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	96,167	106,816
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Happy Hands Pre-school & Childcare

On accounts for the year  
ended

07/08/2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1104689

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent  
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's  
statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~\*)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Robert Palmer

Date:

10-12-2025

Name:

Robert Palmer

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body (if  
any):

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address:

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Sheffield S6 4SH



Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.